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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF STAFF DIRECTOR, COSTA RICAN LEGISLATIVE
ASSEMBLY, TO THE US

1. MILTON CLARK, THE DIRECTOR OF THE COSTA RICAN LEGISLATIVE
ASSEMBLY'S PERMANENT STAFF, LEAVES SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17, FOR
THE STATE OF OREGON ON A TRIP SPONSORED BY THE OREGON PARTNERS.
HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY PADRE BENJAMIN NUNEZ AND
RODRIGO ZELEDON (CONICIT). CLARK INTENDS TO SPEND ABOUT 12
DAYS IN OREGON VISITING VARIOUS UNIVERSITIES' SCHOOLS OF
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND THE OREGON STATE LEGISLATURE.
HIS SPECIFIC INTERESTS
IN THE LEGISLATURE WILL BE THE
EXAMINATION OF THE PERMANENT STAFF ORGANIZATION. HE ALSO

PLAN TO VISIT STATE REGULATORY BODIES CONCERNED WITH
ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS.

2. CLARK IS, IN ADDITION, INTERESTED IN SPENDING TWO OR
THREE DAYS IN WASHINGTON, D.C., FOLLOWING HIS VISIT TO
OREGON. IN WASHINGTON, HE WOULD HOPE TO RESTRICT HIS
MEETINGS TO FEDERAL REGULATORY AGENCIES CONCERNED WITH
SETTING UP: (1) ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION GUIDELINES,
AND (2) THE WAGE AND PRICE STABILIZATION GUIDELINES.
IN ADDITION, HE WOULD LIKE TO TALK WITH SENATE AND
HOUSE COMMITTEE MEMBERS THAT ARE DOING PARALLEL WORK.

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3. AS CLARK OFTEN HAS A HAND IN DRAFTING LEGISLATION AND

DIRECTS THE IMPORTANT LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY PERMANENT STAFF, HE IS A CENTRAL, ALTHOUGH NOT HIGHLY VISABLE, OFFICIAL IN THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH. CLARK IS KEENLY INTERESTED IN TRAVELLING TO WASHINGTON FOR AN INTENSIVE SERIES OF MEETINGS ALONG THE ABOVE LINES AND IS WILLING TO PICK UP HIS OWN EXPENSES IF THE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS ARE WORTHWHILE. IT WOULD BE A MOST USEFUL MOVE ON OUR PART IF THE DEPARTMENT COULD COME UP WITH, OUT OF C/U LEADER GRANT FUNDS, ENOUGH MONEY TO COVER CLARK'S PLANE FARE FROM PORTLAND, OREGON, TO WASHINGTON, D.C., PLUS THREE DAY'S PER DIEM. THE EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT WE HAVE ALREADY REACHED THE LIMITS OF OUR IVP BUDGET, BUT WE RECOGNIZE CLARK'S VISIT AS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEND A LITTLE FOR A HIGH RETURN. CLARK WOULD BE EXPECTED ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON ON OR ABOUT FEBRUARY GC1. CLARK SPEAKS

EXCELLENT ENGLISH AND IS A GRADUATE (MA) OF THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS. CLARK WOULD TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON ALONE.
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